



Biography

Mr. Michael W. George

Director of the Aeronautics Test Program Office

As the director of the Aeronautics Test Program Office, Mr. George is responsible for the overall planning, management and evaluation of the Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate's corporate management of aeronautical ground test facilities that are considered to be national assets. In addition, he supports the associate administrator in a broad range of mission directorate activities, including strategic and program planning, budget development, program review and evaluation, and external coordination.

George joined NASA's Ames Research Center in 1992 as chief, Advanced Aerodynamics Concept Branch, after 20 years of work in engineering management in the U.S. defense industry. His work in industry included five years at Rockwell where he led the Computational Physics organization, and 15 years at Northrop where he was involved in a number of Department of Defense programs including the B-2, the F-18 and the YF-23. During this time, George was instrumental in expanding the role of computational fluid dynamics and computational electromagnetics in combination with experimental and wind tunnel testing as a component of the aircraft design process.

At the Ames Research Center, George served in a number of positions including chief of the Design Cycle Technologies Branch, chief of the Wind Tunnel Operations Division, deputy director of the Aeronautics Directorate, and most recently director of the Programs and Projects Directorate. He was named as the recipient of NASA's Outstanding Leadership Award in 2006 for his role in achieving full cost recovery in wind tunnel operations while providing exceptionally high quality testing services in a safe operating environment.

George holds bachelor's and master's degrees in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from the Ohio State University. In 1999, he was designated by NASA as a Sloan Fellow, earning a Master of Science degree in management from the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

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